

Mission, Values, and Principles

Mission

The mission of the Department of Economic Security, Aging and Adult Administration is to support and enhance the ability of at-risk and older adults to meet their needs to the maximum of their ability, choice and benefit.

Values

- The rights of individuals and the preservation of their independence, self sufficiency, safety, honor and dignity;
- The rights of individuals to obtain and maintain physical and mental health;
- The individual and family initiative in directing life choices and expressing preferences;
- Equal access to quality services and supports for individuals; and
- The opportunity for employment, life-long learning and civil involvement.

Principles

- Programs and services are offered in a manner that supports and enhances independence, self-esteem, mutual respect, value, dignity, and maximizes an individual's quality of life;
- Opportunities, programs and services are designed and developed to meet the needs of older adults and prevent premature institutionalization;
- Programs and services are provided through a comprehensive and responsive system that recognizes and supports cultural diversity;
- The Administration works cooperatively with state and local leaders in developing information and access to state and community programs and services;
- Programs and services are offered in a manner that exhibits effective, efficient and appropriate management, and public accountability; and
- Program development, decisions, and actions are guided by the Administration's mission, values and objectives.